

Kauai, Molokai, Lanai, Niihau, Kahoolawe, Molokini, Lehua, Kaula, Nihoa, Necker, Laysan, Gardiner, Lisiansky, Ocean, French Frigates Shoal, Palmyra, Brooks Shoal, Pearl and Hermers Reef, Gambia Shoal and Dowsett and Maro Reef; and

Whereas, under the laws of the Kingdom of Hawaii, the Crown lands were declared to be inalienable; and

Whereas, under the Organic Act, the Crown lands were declared to be public domain and "subject to alienation and other uses as provided by law"; and

Whereas, On July 9, 1921 the Congress of the United States enacted the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; and

Whereas, On March 18, 1959 the Congress of the United States enacted An Act to Provide for the Admission of the State of Hawaii into the Union; and

Whereas, in December 1999, representatives of the Department of Interior held reconciliation discussions within the Native Hawaiian communities regarding the unlawful overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2000, the Senate concurring,* That the centennial anniversary of the passage of the Organic Act is hereby commemorated; and be it further

*Resolved,* That members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twentieth Legislature, "Express Aloha" to the Native Hawaiian community on this centennial event that saddens many Native Hawaiians; and be it further

*Resolved,* That all members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, are encouraged to gather with the Native Hawaiian community at Iolani Palace on April 30, 2000, commemorating the centennial of the Organic Act; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this Concurrent Resolution serve as a reminder to the United States Congress of its involvement in the creation of the Organic Act; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this Concurrent Resolution serve as an invitation to President William Jefferson Clinton of the United States of America and the Congress of the United States to gather with the Native Hawaiian community at Iolani Palace on April 30, 2000, commemorating the Centennial of the Organic Act or at their earliest convenience; and be it further

*Resolved,* That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the Attorney General of the United States, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, Hawaii's Congressional delegation, the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, the governor of each state, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, and each member of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii.

POM-516. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to the financial structure of the Coal Act; to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 374

Whereas, Pennsylvania is a coal-producing and coal-consuming state that has benefited tremendously from the hard, dangerous work of retired coal miners; and

Whereas, The United States Government entered into a contract with coal miners in 1946 that created the United Mine Workers of America Health and Retirement Funds; and

Whereas, This contract was signed in the White House in a ceremony with President Harry Truman; and

Whereas, A Federal commission established by Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole concluded in 1990:

"Retired coal miners have legitimate expectations of health care benefits for life; that was the promise they received during their working lives and that is how they planned their retirement years. That commitment should be honored"; and

Whereas, This promise became law in 1992 when the Congress of the United States passed and President George Bush signed the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act (the Coal Act); and

Whereas, The Coal Act reiterated the promise of lifetime health benefits for retired coal miners and their dependents; and

Whereas, Congress intended the Coal Act to:

"(1) remedy problems with the provision and funding of health care benefits with respect to the beneficiaries of multiemployer benefit plans that provide health care benefits to retirees in the coal industry;

(2) allow for sufficient operating assets for such plans; and

(3) provide for the continuation of a privately financed self-sufficient program for the delivery of health care benefits to the beneficiaries of such plans"; and

Whereas, Certain court decisions have eroded the financial structure Congress put in place under the Coal Act; and

Whereas, These court decisions have placed the continued provision of health benefits to retired coal miners in jeopardy; and

Whereas, The President has included in his proposed budget \$346 million in general Federal funds over ten years to protect the long-term integrity of the Combined Benefit Fund for Retired Miners and their Dependents; therefore be it

*Resolved,* That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President and the Congress of the United States to work together to enact legislation to reform the financial structure of the Coal Act by providing for an annual transfer of general Federal funds to the combined benefit fund addressing the shortfall created by the above-mentioned court cases; and be it further

*Resolved,* That, in accordance with the contract of 1946, the health care benefits promised to retired coal miners be continued, preserved and ensured; and be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Under authority of the order of the Senate of May 11, 2000, the following reports of committees were submitted on May 12, 2000:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 2549: An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to pre-

scribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-292).

S. 2550: An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2551: An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military construction, and for other purposes.

S. 2552: An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the following reports of committees were submitted on May 12, 2000:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2553: An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September, 30, 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-293).

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2311: A bill to revise and extend the Ryan White CARE Act programs under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, to improve access to health care and the quality of health care under such programs, and to provide for the development of increased capacity to provide health care and related support services to individuals and families with HIV disease, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-294).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 2554. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit the display of an individual's social security number for commercial purposes without the consent of the individual; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. KERREY (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2555. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. BREAU):

S. 2556. A bill to make technical amendments to the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 regarding the implementation of the per diem prospective payment system for psychiatric hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.